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Project Name: Nature Research Center - NC Museum of Natural Sciences
Recipient: Friends of the NC Museum of Natural Science
Recipient Address: 11 West Jones St.
Recipient City: Raleigh
Recipient State: NC
Recipient Zip: 27601

Amount of Request: \$1,000,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

Funding provided under this request would be used to develop and install educational science and technology exhibits in the new Nature Research Center (NRC) wing of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Each of the four new Centers will feature interactive exhibit modules that can be updated to reflect the latest advances in science. The NRC will also include classrooms and labs where informal science educational programs can be delivered to every elementary, middle and high school in North Carolina. Topical exhibits will be stationed in each of the four NRC topical Centers as well as exhibits throughout the lobby and first floor. Funding will also be used to support the informal science programs delivered in the NRC's educational spaces and transmitted to schools across the state.

The NRC will make significant and measurable contributions towards meeting national goals for the reform of science, mathematics and technology education, particularly at the K-12 level. The NRC will elevate scientific and technological literacy throughout the country by developing effective model programs using science research, and by using the talents and resources of its own Museum researchers, nearby universities and education communities.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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